ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a charging member for charging a surface of a member to be charged in an image forming apparatus, and one aspect of the present invention provides a charging member having an outermost surface layer containing a conductive elastic material. The conductive elastic material comprises a polymer including a polar polymer, primarily including (i) acrylonitrile butadiene rubber, (ii) an ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-allyl glycidyl ether terpolymer, and (iii) a homopolymer of epichlorohydrin. The weights x, y and z of the components (i), (ii) and (iii), respectively, have a relationship of $0.2 \leq y/(x+y+z) \leq 0.5$ and $4.7 < y/z \leq 20$. This charging member can realize uniform charging and is small in resistance variation, even when used for a long time.